

**Leadership Council Operations
South Central Puget Sound Action Area Representative
Agenda Item #10**

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Approved

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Proposed Action: Decision

Summary: On April 22, 2009, South Central Puget Sound Action Area Representative Ron Sims submitted his letter of resignation from the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB).

In his letter Executive Sims recommends:

“Ms. (Theresa) Jennings serve as the South Central Action Area Representative and Susan Crowley Saffrey from the City of Seattle, who has been an active participant in the ECB and the Partnership, remain as the alternate representative for the South Central Puget Sound Action Area until the end of 2009. I respect this is a decision that the Leadership Council will make but I felt it was important to offer an interim option until the transition occurs to a new elected County Executive at the end of this year. There are also important elections at the City of Seattle as well this year. Ms. Jennings can provide the expertise and the time that I feel is critical for the Partnership and the ECB as you move toward aggressive implementation of the action Agenda.”

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Council follow the Executive’s suggestion and approve interim appointment of Theresa Jennings as the South Central Puget Sound Action Area representative.

Background: This is the first time the issue of replacing an Action Area Representative has come before the Council. The original selection of the Action Area Representatives was done through a nomination process and appointments made in October of 2007.

Analysis: The Council is tasked with making appointments to both the ECB and the Science Panel. A formal process needs to be established for appointments to both boards. Appointing an interim Action Area representative will provide the Council time to create and approve the process they will take to make appointments to both boards in November 2009.